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EO 11652: NA TAGS: PFOR, SL SUBJ: VISIT OF LIBERIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- 1. CECIL DENNIS, LIBERIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VISITED FOREETOWN MAY 29 AND 30 TO PRESENT A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO PRESIDENT STEVENS. LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT DENNIS STRESSED NEED FOR UNITY BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA AND GUINEA.
- 2. COMMENT: (BEGIN LOU) SUSPICION EXISTS AMONG GOSL LEADERS THAT LIBERIA SOMEHOW WAS INVOLVED IN RECENT ELECTION RELATED UNREST AND FEAR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OPPOSITION SLPP MAY BE STOCKPILED IN LIBERIA. THE MENDE PEOPLE, WHO ARE DOMINANT WITHIN THE SLPP, HAVE TRIBAL TIES TO PEOPLE IN LIBERIA AS DO THEIR ALLIES THE SHERBRO AND GALLINA (VAI). THE APC COALITION TRIBES IN NORTHERN SIERRA LEONE HAVE SIMILAR TIES WITH TRIBAL GROUPS IN GUINEA. SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DENNIS WHO TRAVELED TO FREETOWN VIA ROAD REPORTED HE ENCOUNTERED FOURTEEN ARMY OR POLICE ROADBLOCKS AND THAT ONLY SPECIAL LETTER FROM SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR IN MONROVIA PERMITTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIM PASS WITHOUT INCIDENT. DENNIS' TRIP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EFFORT TO ALLAY GOSL SUSPICIONS AND REDUCE HARRASS-MENT OF TRAVELERS AT MILITARY AND POLICE ROADBLOCKS. END LOU AND COMMENT.

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